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SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM PROGRESS

FOLLOWING MSG REC FROM AMCONSUL CAN THO ON AUG 18 ACTION
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SUBJECT ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM PROGRESS

1. AN GIANG PROVINCE CHIEF GOL PHAM VAN MAN, ONE OF TEN
DEPUTY CHIEFS AND EIGHT DISTRICT CHIEFS TO ATTEND A RECENT
VUNG TAU SEMINAR ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE REVOLUTION SAID IT
WAS THE MOST PRODUCTIVE HE HAD EVER ATTENDED. HE SAID
PROVINCE AND DISTRICT OFFICIALS TOOK PART IN NATIONAL
DECISION-MKAING FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER.

2. MAN RELATED SOME OF THE PARTICIPANTS' SUGGESTIONS WHICH
WERE APPROVED BY PRESIDENT THIEU: (A) WIDOWS AND DISABLED
VETERANS NO LONGER HAVE TO COME TO PROVINCE CAPITAL TO
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RECEIVE BENEFITS, WHICH WILL BE DISPERSED AT THE DISTRICT

INSTEAD. OTHER SIMILAR ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS WILL ALSO BE HANDLED AT DISTRICT; (B) PERMITS FOR HOME IMPROVEMENT WHICH IN THE PAST REQUIRED SEVEN DIFFERENT STEPS TO COMPLETE ARE TO BE DONE AWAY WITH. BECAUSE OF MASSIVE PAPERWORK MOST PEOPLE PREVIOUSLY PREFERRED TO PAY OFF THE POLICE TO IGNORE THE REQUIREMENT; (C) POSTAL FACILITIES ARE TO BE GREATLY INCREASED AND POSTAL SERVICES SUCH AS MONEY ORDERS WILL BE EXPANDED.

3. MAN SAID THE SEMINAR WAS DIVIDED INTO SMALL DISCUSSION GROUPS ON PARTICULAR TOPICS. EACH GROUP PREPARED POSITION PAPERS ON SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS. NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ADMINISTRATION PERSONNEL PARTICIPATED IN EACH GROUP. THE POSITION PAPERS WERE PRESENTED TO PRESIDENT THIEU A DAY PRIOR TO HIS MEETING WITH THE GROUP. THE PRESIDENT THEN EITHER ACCEPTED OR REJECTED THE PROPOSALS. DECISIONS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSAL WERE MADE ON THE SPOT.

4. MAN SAID THE PRIME MINISTER WILL ISSUE IMPLEMENTING INSTRUCTIONS THIS MONTH FOR THE CHANGES MADE. HE SAID THERE WILL BE SIMILAR SEMINARS IN THE FUTURE DEALING WITH OTHER ASPECTS OF GOVERNMENT AND FEATURING OTHER PARTICIPANTS.
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